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Questions and Answers

about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

Q : What is the schedule for EPA to sample and clean up the homes in Troy?

A : The Montana Department of Environmental Quality, with EPA support, will conduct the sampling and cleanup of Troy homes and businesses. EPA has recently sampled the Troy High School. There are plans to do a cleanup in summer 2005.

Catherine LeCours, the State Project Manager for Troy, will be meeting with Troy residents and leaders to get a better understanding of their thoughts and concerns regarding the cleanup and how best to ensure two-way communication between MDEQ and residents. Catherine will be speaking at the Troy City Council Meeting on March 9 at 7:00 pm.

MDEQ and EPA will focus on an initial study area in Troy. Properties within the area will be inspected and sampled in 2006 to determine the scope of contamination, just as with Libby. The final site boundary will be established based upon the results of these investigations.

Unlike Libby, there were no vermiculite processing operations in Troy that produced large scale air contamination. MDEQ and EPA are not aware of any "large-scale" uses of vermiculite in Troy similar to the school tracks and ball fields in Libby. Contamination is likely related solely to vermiculite products (insulation) or processing waste (including dust from miners) that was placed in specific locations on a small-scale. However, if large sources of vermiculite are found, MDEQ and EPA will address them appropriately.

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